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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner objected to the oath or declaration. Specifically, the Examiner stated, "it is not notary's signature of Inventors."

Applicants' representatives did not understand this communication. Applicants' representative, Julie Daulton, telephone Examiner Nguyen on May 13, 2004 to discuss this. Applicants' representative had difficulty understanding what was being expressed by Examiner Nguyen. It is believed that Examiner Nguyen was indicating that the declaration submitted was not signed by the inventors. Applicants' representative pointed out that the declaration was filed unsigned but then a signed copy was submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed October 16, 2001. A stamped postcard receipt shows that this document was received by the Patent Office on December 31, 2001.


If Applicants' representative understood Examiner Nguyen, it is believed that Examiner Nguyen indicated that a photocopy of the signed declaration would be acceptable to address the alleged defectiveness in the declaration. Therefore, Applicants are submitting a photocopy of the

signed Declaration and Power of Attorney that was originally submitted on October 16, 2001. Also enclosed is a photocopy of the stamped postcard receipt showing that the Patent Office received this document on December 31, 2001.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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